

Yesterday the National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning that is valid from 2pm today until 6am Wednesday. The Red Flag Warning covers parts of CPI's service territory. In response to the Red Flag Warning CPI personnel are enacting wildfire prevention protocols in the affected areas. This means that CPI personnel are setting protective devices on the electrical system to automatically de-energize the lines if they detect a faulty current that could be from downed power lines. During the time that the Red Flag Warning is active any electrical system damage will result in power outages in the affected areas. These wildfire prevention protocols will remain in effect until the Red Flag Warning expires or is cancelled.

Power outages are slightly more likely during this time due to the speed and sensitivity of the protective devices. Any outage that does occur may impact more CPI members than usual because of how the protective devices are built into the electrical system. Additionally, any outages that occur should be expected to last longer than usual. This is because CPI personnel must patrol the de-energized sections of line to ensure that all damage is repaired before they turn the power back on. These CPI actions may have a negative impact on power reliability but they greatly reduce the chances of a wildfire being started by the CPI electrical system.